

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2672
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
IRRADIATION CENTRE
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the officials of the BARC have held talks with the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa regarding setting up of an irradiation centre exclusively for marine products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a site has been selected for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE, OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Officials of BARC have held talks in February and April 2001 with officials of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh Government and also with Fisheries experts, consultants and industrialists for setting up radiation processing plants exclusively for seafoods.
- (c) Exact site has not been selected for installation of Seafood Irradiator.
- (d) In view of 'C', does not arise.
- (e) Details of expenditure to be incurred for the construction of these plants has not been worked out. This can be done only after plant details are finalised.